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SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2013 MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Montana, at 203.8 million bushels, is up 4 percent from the 2012 crop of 195.6 million bushels, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Mountain Region Field Office. All wheat yield was 38.9 bushels per acre, up 4.1 bushels from a year ago.

Montana's 2013 **winter wheat** production was 81.7 million bushels, 3 percent below last year's production. Producers seeded 2.0 million acres of winter wheat, down 13 percent from a year ago. Producers harvested 1.90 million acres, down 270,000 acres from 2012. The 2013 winter wheat average yield, at 43.0 bushels per acre, is 4 bushels above last year.

Spring wheat production in Montana was 105.5 million bushels, up 10 percent from 2012. The acreage seeded was 2.95 million acres, unchanged from last year's acreage. Producers harvested 2.85 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield was 37.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushel from the previous year.

Montana **durum wheat** growers seeded 505,000 acres, down 45,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 490,000 acres, down 55,000 acres from 2012. The average yield was 34.0 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels the previous year. Total production for 2013 was estimated at 16.7 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year's 15.3 million bushels.

In 2013, Montana producers seeded 990,000 acres of **barley**, up 90,000 acres from 2012. Producers harvested 830,000 acres for grain, up 40,000 acres from last year. The average yield for 2013 is 54.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Production was estimated at 44.8 million bushels, up 7 percent from last year.

Oat production in Montana was 1.3 million bushels, up 65 percent from last year. Seeded acreage was 50,000 acres, up 5,000 from 2012. Acreage harvested for grain was 23,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year. Average yield, at 58.0 bushels per acre, was up 13 bushels from 2012.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 2.13 billion bushels in 2013, down 6 percent from 2012. Grain area totaled 45.2 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at a record high of 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2012 by type are winter wheat, 1.53 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 532 million bushels, down 2 percent, and Durum wheat, 61.5 million bushels, down 26 percent.

Oat production is estimated at 66.0 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2012 but the third lowest production on record. Yield is estimated at 64.0 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 1.03 million acres, is slightly below last year. This is the second lowest acreage harvested for grain on record.

Barley production is estimated at 215 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2012. Average yield per acre, at 71.7 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.48 million acres in 2013, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.00 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2012.

A full copy of the *Small Grains Annual Summary* is available online at www.nass.usda.gov.